

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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Operations SCABBARDS

1. Correct Report Number 25 as of 041300Z November 1962 as follows:

a. Delete paragraph 2a(1) in its entirety and renumber succeeding subparagraphs under paragraph 2a accordingly.

2. Supplemental Situation Reports are discontinued effective with report number 26 as of 042100Z November 1962.

3. Daily situation reports as of 0500 (Zulu) will be continued.

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